

Fourth Grade Here You Come!



Welcome to fourth grade! We are excited to have you in our classes next year! Fourth grade is a year full of exciting learning, much of it centered on our great state of Florida! Summertime brings time off from school which allows for the opportunity of learning to continue. Research has found that students could lose learning over the summer, so it is important that learners are engaged in meaningful learning opportunities during the school break.

Summer Reading: Reading is a critical skill that aids students in all other subject areas. To maintain reading skills, the students are assigned two books to read as homework. These books can be purchased at local bookstores or online and will be used throughout the first Trimester for reading skill review.

1. Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo (fiction). After finishing the book, students will choose one activity to complete as a text reflection. They may design a book cover that shows their favorite part story (must include the book title & authors name) OR they may design an invitation to Opal's Party (date/time/place of the part/colorful and creative illustrations).
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UrluqziNqqANh3zKGq3lZ_4XAtRs5mCf/view?usp=sharing
2. Who Was Galileo? by Patricia Brennan Demuth Series (nonfiction). After finishing this book, students will need to complete one of the following activities. They may create a collage that includes pictures representing Galileo's life and achievements OR they may create a timeline including his birth/death, specific events, and achievements, etc.
Helpful sites:
<https://www.wikihow.com/Make-a-Collage>
<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/creating-timelines>

***Both** the *fiction* and *nonfiction* book assignments will be due the first week of school.

Summer Math. For math, students will complete at least eight of the ten attached Summer Math Mysteries that review 3rd grade math skills. The directions for each mystery are at the top of each page and are the same for each Summer Mystery. The skill reviewed is also named at the top of each page. The eight completed Math Mysteries will be due the first week of school. Click the link below for a digital copy of the math summer homework.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OoCxTqt8hnQ0gd2kJPqE1HdbPdr5-wCF/view?usp=sharing>

Additionally, students will need to maintain their knowledge of the multiplication facts through the nines. Fourth grade math has the students using the multiplication facts not only in our multiplication unit, but also with algebraic functions, fractions, decimals, geometry, and measurement so it is very important that your child is fluent with their use. There are many websites available for practice such as splashlearn.com, multiplication.com, and xtramath.org. Flash cards are also great for quick practice on the facts. IXL (available through your child's Clever account) has review practice on this as well.

If you have any questions about the summer learning homework activities for reading and math, please send a note or an email to Mrs. Breen jbreen@stjosephwshschool.org or Mrs. Insua jinsua@stjosephwshschool.org. We wish you a blessed summer and look forward to seeing you in the fall!

Yours in Christ, Mrs. Breen and Mrs. Insua